# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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C.N.R RAO COMMITTEE REPORT
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received report from C.N.R. Rao Committee set up to work out the modalities for reintroduction of the University Grants Commission's Research Scientists Scheme;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the Government has accepted all of the recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI M.A.A. FATMI )

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b): The recommendations of the Committee are as under:

i ) Scientists working under the Research Scientists Scheme of the University Grants Commission will continue to work under this programme as earlier.

ii) Supernumerary positions may be created to absorb the scientists wherever possible. Those absorbed by various institutions will no longer be the part of this Scheme.

iii) As far as possible, scientists under this programme should get accommodated in central institutions such as central universities, IITs, NITs etc.

iv) The rules of superannuation for scientists will be of the institutions where they get absorbed. While there will no difficulty in opting for the rules of the central institutions for superannuation for those absorbed in central institutions, those i n state universities and elsewhere will be governed by the rules of those institutions.

Those who do not get absorbed, will continue to be governed by the rules of the existing scheme in regard to the age of superannuation.

v) Suitable schemes may be employed to review the cases of scientists in 'A' and 'B' categories, who do not get absorbed anywhere, for the purpose of giving promotions to deserving persons.

vi) The Committee will look into alternative methods of attracting talented professionals to educational institutions.

vii) Further recruitment under the Research Scientists Scheme should be discontinued forthwith.

(c): On the basis of the recommendations of the CNR Rao Committee a Task Force was constituted under Prof. M.M.Sharma, Emeritus Professor, Institute of Chemical Technology University of Mumbai. The Task Force has submitted a report on alternative methods of attracting talented professionals to educational institutions in basic scientific research, and the UGC has been directed to operationalise the Task Forces Report. The other recommendations of the CNR Rao Committee are under consideration of the Government.

(d): The Task Force has mainly recommended that in order to promote quality scientific research i n universities, infrastructural facilities ought to be upgraded by providing development grants for modern laboratories, physical infrastructure including uninterrupted power supply, water, safety requirements of international standards, high level equipment with built-in maintenance mechanism, exclusive research students' hostel and a research starter fund, need to create ten networking centres in Basic Sciences in leading departments of universities in different parts of the country to promote collaborative research, access to advanced facilities and imparting training in frontier areas, etc.